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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NSCID/DCID Provisions for Wartime Transfer of Authority

The following cites those sections of the NSCIDs and DCIDs which provide for transfer of authority for intelligence activities during wartime. They should be viewed in the context of the far broader range of authorities that are not subject to transfer under these directives.

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a. Except as provided in subparagraph b below, the entire Central Intelligence Agency organization conducting espionage and clandestine counterintelligence operations in or from a theater shall, as a component force, be under the direct command of the U.S. Theater Commander, in accordance with agreements separately reached between the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense, and shall provide espionage and counterintelligence support to military operations.

b. Espionage and counterintelligence operations that because of some exceptional political, diplomatic or other implications, are conducted independently by the Central Intelligence Agency, shall be coordinated by the Director of Central Intelligence with the Secretary of Defense and with the Secretary of State.

c. The Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence shall establish general procedures for the coordination of liaison on clandestine activities between U.S. military commanders and foreign services that engage in such activities.

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